Model and No-Kill Programs Primary Program Elements
As compared to King County's current efforts

Program Elements	KC	Model	NK	King County Efforts
Support for aggressive spay/neuter programs		X	X	King County issues $25 spay/neuter voucher with purchase of unaltered pet license. Recently, has not participated/funded annual Spay Day or similar events.
Altering all animals adopted from shelters	X	X	X	Long-time King County policy.
Low-cost spay/neuter provided to public		X	X	King County hosts low-cost spay/neuter at its Kent shelter but does not provide.
Spay/neuter education/awareness	X	X	X	King County educates about spay/neuter through canvassing program, mandatory S/N for adopted animal policy, differential license fees, S/N handouts.
Partnerships with local vets for spay/neuter		X	X	Partners with King County vets for redemption of $25 spay/neuter voucher; vets provide contracted S/N services of adoption animals (when in-house not available).
Partnerships with local vets and vet school for volunteer hours		X	X	No program in place.
Free vet exam	X	X	X	Offered for all adopted animals. In-house vet performs exams as needed on shelter animals.
Support for aggressive adoption programs	X	X	X	Conducts off-site adoptions, hosts annual pet adopt-a-thon, and participates in other events in community.
Adoption "specials" (on prices)	X	X	X	Often offers specials, such as 2 for 1, on cat adoptions or reduced priced adoptions.
Adoption outreach (off-site adoptions)	X	X	X	Has 8 off-site locations (pet supply stores) with nearly 400 animals adopted YTD (Jan-Sep) 2007.
Adoption communications/ advertising		X	X	King County advertises during the annual "adopt-a-thon" and receives periodic earned media via news releases.
Convenient shelter hours	X	X	X	King County shelters are currently open until 6 p.m. six days per week, including Saturday. New Guild contract will create a staffing model supporting Sunday hours and extended evening hours.

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Special adoption events	X	X	X	Host the largest "adopt-a-thon" event in the State each year. Participates in smaller events hosted by other groups such as the Pawsitive Alliance.
Foster volunteer program	X	X	X	1,165 animals with longer term medical needs were fostered in 2006.
Rescue program	X	X	X	King County currently works with dozens of rescue groups throughout the Puget Sound area.
Shelter Volunteer program	X	X	X	King County has a shelter volunteer program that includes dog walking, cat socialization, meet/greet/direct customers, bathing and grooming animals.
Outreach program		X	X	Limited outreach program basically around news releases; Web promotes foster and volunteer opportunities.
Fundraising		X	X	King County has no organized fundraising program.
Communication/media plan		X	X	No formal communication/media plan.
Feral cat programs	X	X	X	Modest programs including a "barn cat program" that places 150 feral cats YTD (Jan-Sep) 2007.
Pet retention programs,		X	X	Limited to ad-hoc volunteer and foster family support.
"Angel" fund for sick or injured animals		X	X	No formal fund.
Rehabilitation program for sick or injured animals	X	X	X	Volunteers, foster participants and rescue groups provide some rehabilitation efforts. Marginally sick/injured animals are treated in shelter by shelter staff.